Seasonal pass tickets

1912. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is kilometres limit fixed for the issue of seasonal pass tickets ;

(b) whether there are any exceptions to these rules, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

(c) whether Government proposes to abolish the kilometres limit for seasonal pass holders; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Season tickets are issued for distances upto 150 kilometres;

(b) Yes, Sir. Season tickets issued for distances more than 150 kilometres prior to 1951 have been continued due to historical reasons;

(c) No, Sir;

(d) Season tickets are issued at highly concessional rates and Railways incur loss in running passenger services.

Improvement of Tourism Industry

1913. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 24th April, 1989 under the caption "Tourism prospects Dim" and the Tourism Department which is providing large scale foreign exchange has been sidelined by the Ministry of Finance by not providing funds to expand the tourism industry in the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for improving the tourism industry which has large scale potential to attract more foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) The Government has seen the said news item.

Recognising the potential of international tourism, Govt. of India have launched a comprehensive package aimed at diversification and improvement of tourist facilities. Apart from providing a package of incentives for attracting more private investment in the tourism sector, Government has also strengthened publicity campaigns in the overseas markets and has launched programmes to upgrade the level of skilled manpower needed by the industry. For this purpose the Planning Commission has made a substantial increase in the Plan allocation in favour of the Department of Tourism during the 7th Plan period.

Installation of Statues of Jawaharlal Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi in Allahabad

1914. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no statue

of Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi in Allahabad, the birth place of Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru;

(b) whether in Nehru Centenary year, Government propose to instal a statue of Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi in Allahabad, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) It is understood that the Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Fund, a Registered Public Trust has initiated a move to instal statue of both Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi at Anand Bhavan, Allahabad.

Amount spent on Education during Seventh Five Year Plan

1915. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what amount has so far been spent during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to meet the targets set for (i) Elementary Education (ii) Secondary Education (iii) Collegiate Educaion and (iv) Technical Education;

(b) what amount is needed to meet all the targets set for elementary education during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) What amount was set aside for the education sector as a whole during the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Seventh Plans put together;

(d) Whether it is a fact that the elementary education has received a raw deal in getting the required funds ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the targets have to be curtailed much more drastically than what has been imagined by those who set them in view of constraint on resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Plan expenditure incurred up to 1988-89 during the Seventh Five Year Plan period is as under:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Sector	Expenditure (anticipated upto 1988-89)
Elementary Education . .	2013.58
Secondary Education . .	1167.88
Collegiate/University Education	891.18
Technical Education . .	825.71

(b) The Working Group on Elementary Education for Eighth Five Year Plan set up by the Planning Commission is considering targets under Elementary Education and requirement of funds for the 8th Five Year Plan. The report of the Working Group is not yet finalised.

(c) Total Plan outlay for the education sector including culture and sports during the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five year Plans was Rs. 11573·39 crores.